[Template for your letter to your State RepRESENTATIVE:]

[Your name]

[Your address]

[Date]

[Congresswoman / Congressman]

[Local District office address]

Dear [Congresswoman / Congressman Name],

I am writing to request that you oppose the recently introduced [Bill]. It is my understanding that this bill represents the interests of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), an organization whose presence in our state legislative bodies represents the voices of large corporations instead of those of our citizens. I strongly feel that ALEC’s method of drafting model bills and “educating” lawmakers on the interests of big business, as well as their shady tactics in doing so, represent the opposite of what our democracy stands for.

Our state legislative bodies are in place to represent their respective constituencies, to uphold the democratic process, and to work towards the needs of their citizens. Recently, waves of bills have been introduced and passed in state legislatures that cut collective bargaining rights, roll back protective environmental regulations on businesses, and restrict voting rights. Now [Bill] has appeared with strikingly similar rhetoric. The relationship between the people and their government is undermined when a group that does not constitute represented individuals, or work towards their interests in any way, holds such influence in the legislative process.

**I also ask that you publicly disclose whether or not you are a member of ALEC.** As your constituent, we the people deserve to know if you are affiliated with such a large and influential group.

Thank you for all that you do as our [State] representative.

Respectfully,

[Your name]